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OBSERVATIONS.

For the Year 1692.

OR, AN

ACCOUNT

OF

Divers Remarkable Things

Which shall happen in most Parts of

EUROPE

Each Month.

But particularly in *France* and
Flanders, &c.



To which is added

John Gadbury's Veries about the Prince of
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The Introduction:

A N Ancient Hermit by a craggy Hill,
By Natur's help, and art, had form'd a Cell.
Where he did live from Rage and Madness free.
And did observe that curse, Mans Luxury:
He spent his days in Peace content, and Ease,
And long before forelaw poor Englands case.
He smil'd to see French Apes fill Albions Hall.
And make the English Lyon their Jack-call.
And how the Gallick Circe did prevail,
How well she bow'd, and crign'd, & wag'd her Tail.
How sure she dealt, how Rich by a light gain,
How well she rid us, and was rid again.
He laught to see Towns sold, and Faith betray'd;
Honesty sneak, Hypocrify obey'd.
To see the great Ones how their manner was,
Roar against Rome, and yet they went to Mass.
But griev'd to see how our Religion stood;
And Faiths pretence by Knaves was built in Blood.
How they proceeded, how they laid their Crimes
To Excommunications, Jails, and Fines;
From such a Faith, and Men, Lord set us free,
Whose Doctrine gives a murd'ring Destiny!
He piti'd England's fate, how tamely she,
Parted with Charters, Laws, and Liberty.
Obsey'd their Passive Cant, their Noise, and Tools.
How with Church-notions they betray'd the Fools,
He wept to see the murd'ring Trade and Crew;
Sheriffs made, and Juries packt, they knew would do.
Crimes form'd and forg'd, & when they wanted more
A swinging swearing Tool they had in store;
Or else some Inuendo, then in force,
By which those Judges with their Wise discourse;
If Brick bat was but nam'd, 'twas prov'd a Horse.
Thus Whipe and Halter mov'd, as George gave Laws
That Butcher-General to the Popish Cause.
Imagin'd Crimes, Crimes that were never done;
Let Collonel Sydney's Murder stand for one,
Where Inuendo did our Work alone.
By these, and such like means was all destroy'd;
By thicke, base Actions, and worse were employed.

PARTRIDGES Observations

For the Year 1692.

Observations upon January.

Gadbury.

Come mighty Muse ! Assist me once agen,
Touch thou my Cranium, and inspire my Pen ;
And let the Black mouth'd Tribe again reflect,
Tho I don't Prophecy I may Predict.
And that it may with Truth and Good be blest.
Heaven guide my hand, let mighty Jove assist,
Partridge.

All hail, my Masters ! here is muckle do,
A year of Wonders dost thou call it John.
'Twas such'a year so fatal to your Crew,
It hath not left you Ground to Anchor on.
Let Chains then be their Lot, who humbly crave,
And beg to be a little Bastard's Slave.

It is now just a year since our *Holy Plot* was discovered, when *Passive Obedience* was turned into *Rebellious Resistance*, and a design laid to destroy the bravest Prince in the World, and this done by those who in their publick Auditories had be-rebell'd all mankind but their own Faction ; by those, I say, at whose doores lies all the Blood and miseries of Ireland

If we consider that the Ingress was attended with a ♂ of the ☽ and ♀ and a Δ of ♍ and the ☽, those things compared with the beginning of this month, seems to shew us much news discourse of among all People; and especially about Peace, and such Affairs as relate therunto, as Truces, Ceſlations of Arms, and the like, and do you think there is any thing in it ? *Vix Credo.*

For ☽ and ♀ are Cadent, and the old plotting Knave ♀ is in ♈ to ♀ from the third and ninth, the house of Religion : I hope we have no more holy Plots coming abroad again, and yet I dare venture a Wager there is something in it, but it will be smothered in the Birth : be that plots for the Church plots safe,

The Councils of Europe very hush

Observations on Februaty.

Gadbury.

Of late, Heaven's Cohorts did each other greet,
And at their General Rendezouz did meet.
Mavors in Gemini ; there still resides,
While Chronos on his Half-hors'd Bowman rides.
Th' Effects lie snug and hush; and then begins,
When Sol and Silborn do embrace the Twins.

Partridge.

When Gadbury's Stars and Angels did appear,
The Freinds of Rome flew swiftly through the Air.
From some small Cell or Cellar, as 'tis thought,
The Reaking Babe was in a hurry brought.
Immortal Elf: how often that did dye,
Its Real Father knows no more than I.

At the Ingress in December we find the ♀ void
of course, but the ☽ is going to the Δ of ♍, and
on the Cusp of the Ascendant in ♈, but the ☽
lately seperated from the ♀ of ♈, and the Body
of ♉, and this so near the Tropick, that I fear
will spoil the Influence of ♍'s Balsamick Rays,
which indeed tend to peace.

But here we find the ♀ going to the square of
♉ and ♂, and toward the end of the month we
shall see the Effects of it in London among the
New Non-cons, and the murmuring Crew, and
it will be about some seditious thing in reference
to the Government; perhaps meeting to affront
the King and Queen, as they have done before;
but I remember when a Gallowes used to be the
reward of such things in the two late pious
Reigns; but the case is altered, the Murtherers
then are the Traitors now.

It also shews some sudden surprize or treachery in Flanders; perhaps the French Tyrant may go to market about this time to take Towns after his usual way of fighting without Blood,

Observations upon March.

Gadbury.

With full career, Sol to the Ram doeth bic,

He being there the Judge of Equity ;
But ere he doth his Regal Throne possess,

Grim furious Mars disturbs his happiness,
Hence Feuds and Differences; hence too, Treach'ry flows
Perfidious Friends are worse then open Foes.

Partridge.

Who dars call eighty eight an empty year,

When things so plain in plenty did appear.

It gaye a Prince by Miracles begot,

And smooth fat Priest from foraign nations brought
Mass-houses publick, did each City grace.

The Regulators; and Salisbury Race.

At the Lunation now approaching, we find par
both ☽ and ☿ in exact square to ♂ from ☿ and we
II. *Lites Rixæ, Interfectiones multas in mul
tis Locis*, Mars is in a human Sign, from
whence we usually find Quarrels and Conten
tions, as well publick as private, from whence
also we shall hear of Duels and Murders about
this time in divers parts: also Skirmishing by
Parties of those Soldiers that guard the Frontier
of Countries and Garrisons. We may also ex
pect to hear of some Cruelty, Murder, or other
Villanies committed by the bloody Rappare
Papists in Ireland. In short, mankind in genera
are about this time inclin'd to Violence and
Villanies, Roberies, and Blood; as besides this
Lunation, the square of ☽ & ☿, & the square of the ☽ & ♂ shew

Whatsoever the discourse is about a Peace at this time, will
end in words and noise, and have no other effect, for I can see
no real ground to judge any such thing, and besides, the War
hath not travelled its full Journey yet.

Much lying news spread abroad to the abuse of the Credulous
and this about some considerable thing as they report,

Observations upon April:

Gadbury.

The Orbs and Stars; how Readily they're hurl'd?

Those Arks where God bides Judgments for the World;
That shake its Pillars; yet themselves we find.

Beyond the Rage of Thunder, Storms, and Wind.
And when th' Almighty, through these Trumpets calls
Poor tott'ring Man, he staggers, and he falls.

Partridge.

No, no, sour Criticks, we cannot deny.

That Honest Jack hath learnt to Cant and Lye,
That year's suppli'd in full with Lies and Tales,
About the Glories of his Prince of Wales.
Poor harmless Babe! miscall'd a Prince of Bliss,
Born for his Mothers Ease, not Consciences.

Holland seems active and early in their Preparations for this Summers Affairs; and this as well for Land as Sea service, which is aptly enough shewed by ♂'s being in ♈, in * to ♍, and ♀ applying ♂ in ♉, a Northern Sign, with North Latitude, free from all Affliction, and in * to ♋, Lord of the tenth, shews, that the Armies of Europe are endeavouring to take the Field betimes, and that the Princes of Europe are making vigorous Preparations for the following Campaign, and this the rather, because ♂ is also Angular in the tenth house, and their applying to the Sextile and Parallel of ♍, Lord of the 7th, which they say is the House of War. But this Application between ♂ and ♍ seems also to shew some Propositions for Peace, but I think it is for no other end, but to protract time till some other design is ready.

Is it possible there should be an ♂ of ♉ and ♋ from ♊ and ♌, and no Knavish Villainies acted or discovered in or about London at such a time! if there is any Roggery now against the Government, be sure there is a Woman up to the Ears in it; but be it what it will, a Woman is at the bottom, and the thing is villainous. The ♂ of ♉ and ♋ should give the Merchants good news,

Observations upon May.

Gadbury.

As the Sun's Rays and heat without control,
Dissolves the frozen Mountains near the Pole.
So his Beams refresheth Earth and Air,
Excites to motion, calls out men of War,
In thy good time, O Lord, Set mankind free,
From Rage, Oppression, Force, and Madness free.

Partridge.

That Land's unhappy, and will e're be so,
That bath a Prince can neither stand nor go.
For he that's led by Priests, by Priests is sway'd,
And Priests by King and Laws must be obey'd.
Twas from such Laws (that King resolv'd to shine)
As Lewis gives, and not a Constantine,

Some mighty Action near, of the nature of
; that is, fighting either by Sea or Land, no
Withstanding the ☽ is in ☽ with ♀ and * to ☽
and ♀ in * to ☽ likewise. And I really judgeth
Arms of the victorious King of England is about
this time successful against the Christian
Turk, he I mean that scorns to be just or honest
the French Tyrant; and I judge also, there is
probability of the Effusion of much Blood, as
well as a prospect of Victory.

These Rays do also shew many Men according to their Qualities shall receive various Favours and Marks, or Characters of Honour, either as Rewards for Service and Valour, or else to qualify them for publick Business.

On May 20. & 22, 1625. Dr. Oates was whipt; being tryed by a Protestant Jury, and Protestant Judges, such as they were; and found guilty on Popish Evidence; he had 2256 Lashes with a Whip of six Thongs knotted, which amounts to 13536 Strips: his Judges were Jefferies, Withins, Walcot and Holloway.

There is now an ☽ of h and the ☽ this makes a great Man frown, &c. There is work for the Messengers abroad if they will but look out sharp, &c.

Observations upon June.

Gadbury.

Saturn and Jove confront each other's Rest,
One Natur's States man, t' other her High-Priest.
They fall at odds ; ay, let them quarrel too,
If Mankind suffer'd not for what they do.

They move and scatter what they have in store,
And snatch those Joys away, they gave before.

Partridge.

By whose Examples must our after Kings,
Shun all those Causes whence Rebellion springs ?
Your Prince of Wales I know, while your soft Names,
Of Golden Law's are joyn'd to Iron Chains.
'Twas Tyrant-force made People try their Brains,
To Abdicate the Cause, and break their Chains.

The Death of some old States-men, Officers
or Persons eminent in dispensing the Govern-
ment of Nations, seems to prepare and make
the way for the rising of others, for Removes and
Preferments, &c. And where Armies are near
there is great expectation of Action between
them, but I do judge the greatest and more con-
siderable part of such Motion and Action will
be deferred till the end of this Month, or be-
ginnig of July, but still preparing and great
expectation what will be the Event of it.

The Affairs of this Month seem to concern
Spain in their Military and Martial Negotia-
tions ; France in every thing that relates to her

Government and Quiet ; Hungary and Dalmatia, &c. are affected
by with some Dissentions, either about settling their Government, or
and about some Points of Religion. London is also disturbed with some
Divisions in her particular Government ; uneasy murmuring Spi-
ders are still trying their Tricks to destroy their own Quiet, and
the Peace of all besides : Poor Men ! they want a Hobby horse ;
Man but the best on't is, they are Men of more Hope than Courage, &c.
will London healthy ? viz credo. Some eminent Wedding ends the
Month, or near it,

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Observations upon July.

Gadbury.

Let all the Plagues of Murther now be flung
On that curs'd Babe from whence those Mischiefs sprung
There's ruffling work above; and hence must flow,
Mutations here; some Tyrants overthrow:

Tho at this distance, yet methinks I hear
Most pleasant News, some Abdication near.

Partridge.

None need doubt Ease and Quiet, since we have
Heaven's Gift and Blessing in a Prince so brave.
Born to restore our Laws, that gasping lay,

That Papists and worse Men had torn away;

This is the Man, nor your Welsh Prince, shall be
The true Restorer of our Liberty.

Although the ♂ of ♀, and ♀ have a large share in the Actions and Affairs of this Summer, as the other Rays and Lunations have; yet it is to be considered differently from them, they being both of a slower Motion and greater Bodie than the rest; and always with their present Influence stamp a new face on the publick Affairs of the World, and at this time of Europe in particular, as a few Months hence will inform us; but for there are three Oppositions as well as there were three Conjunctions.

But at present all things tend to Violence and Blood, the real Effects of War and Confusion ad

Pax queritur bello, after a Storm comes a Calm.

The ☐ of ♀ and ♂, and ♀ and ♂ from Humane Signs, shew great Effusion of Blood by fighting; quando cum bastet manus et Jererint; they also give Thieves intesting the High-ways with Murder rather than the loss of their prey; some Mischiefs done to the Tories in Ireland, and I think they are divers of them rewarded with a Halter, their due desert.

This Month is attended throughout with much News and Intelligence, Some removcs among the Clergy, &c. and a married Couple much talked of.

Observations upon August.

Gadbury.

Is London free from Traitors? is that Crew
Still seeking that, some Years hath been their due?
Alas good Men! the Passive Can't's laid by,
And now Resistance is no Blasphemy.

Well! they are Men of Noise, and so it provcs:
Pray ask abroad how the grand Tyrant moves?

Partridge.

Here John tells truth; in this sweet Prince (said he)
Our Hopes are laid of all Felicity.
Each pays his Tribute; John alone, you see,
Abounds in his old Talent, Flattery;
This is his Off'ring, proper to his Sphere;
A precious Tool to breath a Holy Prayer.

At the Lunation that begins this Month we
find no Planet angular; and therefore do I judge
it no considerable thing that is really new can be
expected at this time: and notwithstanding
there are so many Aspects in the Month, yet it
will follow the Fate and Effect of the Revoluti-
onal Ingress next preceding, and the ☽ of ☽ and
☿. The ☐ of ☽ and ♀ from ☽ and ♁, gives a
abundance of lying false News and Rumors, some
about Sea-Affairs, Merchants, Merchandizing,
and the like; and I dare be positive almost that
there will be some notorious piece of Cheatery
acted and brought about under the Notion and
Mask of Religion.

The ☐ of the ☽ and ☽ creates abundance of Difference in
London. Heats in their Councils, and it should be about something
that relates to its Government, but it will be for the City's Advan-
tage in the Conclusion, and I think for the Establishment of its
future Peace. But I fear London and also some parts of the Nation be-
sides, will find it to be a sickly Autumn, some new Fevers, Collicks &c.

Toward the latter part of the Month we may expect to hear
of some Action from beyond Sea, of a Battel, Skirmish, or such
like Enterprise.

Observations upon September.

Gadbury.

Have Europe's Foes laid by their murdering Laws,
And the grand Murtherer disown'd his Cause?
Do Popish Projects with their Plots decrease?
And Noah's Dove bring in the Branch of Peace?
Pray then inquire; ask if it can be;
If England's Monarch says it, I agree.

Partridge.

And let September never be forgot,
Nor Modena, nor yet the bawdy Plot;
Nor yet Dada, who, as the Story tells,
Lent her his hand, and with that Aaron's Bells.

When Babes by Miracles are got, as said,
Farewel the ancient way of Sheers and Bed.

The ☐ of the ☽ and ☿, and the ☽ and ♍ will in some measure influence September also, and yet I do not think it will give any considerable Action abroad either, as to the Wars, by Sea or Land, or to the State of Affairs and Councils of Europe, and yet it seems to shew Difference and Quarrels, but they will be in and among private Companies and Societies which may prove the Caule of Duels, Murders, &c. The ☐ of ☿ and ☾ as they are qualified at the last New Moon, shews the Death of some eminent Lady, and the Misfortunes and Troubles of others. If ☾ be in the seventh, as I do believe he is, in ☽ to ☾, and both Peregrine, he shew much Robbing and Mischieff toward the end of the Month; and also the discovery of People that abuse the Coin of the Nation either by clipping, coining, washing, &c. Some cunning knave Lawyer or Clerk catch'd in doing what he ought not to have done.

A brave bold Fellow, one of the Sons of ☽, receiveth Present as a Gratuity for his Bravery. Mercury having been twice ☽ to ♍ this Month, will give good News to the City of London and I think it comes from some of our Western Plantations.

Observations upon October.

Gadbury..

There's mighty News abroad, 'tis come from far,
About some King's Affairs of Peace or War:
Jove's in the Twins: Methinks I hear the Voice
Of the curs'd murmuring Crew; the rest rejoice,
God save the King, and he that woot say so,
Burton and Graham's Blessing with him go.

Partridge.

October did this Land a King afford,
A Prince (John says) that never broke his Word;
Whose Courage, Wit and Conduct hath done more,
Than all our great Reformers could before.

His Reign was short; to Priests he owes his Fall;
For Priests and Church he lost his Crown and All.

At the Ingress of the ☽ into ♈ we find a very
peaceable Position; the Moon Who is in ♈ to
the place of the last ♂ in 1682. is in △ to ♍, ♂
and ♀; Why should there not be Propositions
made for Peace about this time, and that with
success too? it seems very probable, and the
Heavens themselves favour it: God grant it
may succeed, if it is for the advantage of the true
Protestant Religion. and the beating down of
Tyranny, Popery, and all Arbitrary Power.
And indeed the △ of the ☽ and ♍ doth mightily
perswade me that there will be something done
to the purpose in it in order to its Conclusion.
And if it is now effected, the Illustrious and Va-

nt King of England will be the only Man to do it.

And besides if we consider that ♀, the Celestial Foot-post,
 hath been three times in △ to ♍ within a few weeks, and at the
Ingress in △ to the Moon in the fifth, the House of Embassies and
Passengers, and Lord of the tenth, the House of Honour and Gram-
mar, it is the more probable.

The Month is generally spent in things of a private nature and
quality, such as are the Affairs of States, Kingdoms, Nations, and
Ouatrias,

Observations upon November.

Gadbury.

Sol Mars and Saturn in a fiery Sign,
(What c're their project is) do there combine.
Something they'll do, perhaps you'll wonder what?
Why then I'll tell you 'tis some knavish Plot.
And something else too, will by them be done,
They're all in Quartile to the French King's Sun.
Partridge.

November, hang't, that plaguy Powder plot,
Which John so often willfully forgot.
In Eighty Eight too, how this good Man fails?
He thought of nothing then but Prince of Wales?
The Babe being born, a Name you know's his due,
A Name he had, A plaguy long one too.

The former part of this Month will give little Alterations in the publick Affairs and fitness of Nations and Kingdoms till toward end, and then there seems to be Projects and Projections to the purpose, and these attend too with something of Violence; for the R and Aspects are generally not only from violent parts of Heaven, but from humane Signs a

About the middle of the Month the ☽ comes to the ♈ of ♈, near that eminent fixed Star led the Scorpions Heart, which will spend its fluence two ways. 1. In the Elemental World. 2. In the Intellectual. 1. It will give strange and uncoward Weather, Corruſcations in Air, and I judge Thunder in divers parts as well of this Nation as others. 2. It gives villainous and treacherous Designs and Miracles against the Powers and Government of England in particular. Here is some cursed piece of Roguery at the door, but I hope it will be discovered; and the best way to prevent any more is to hang all you catch, by what Name or Title soever dignified or distinguished. But this Month will but give a beginning to Affairs; and therefore you must expect its further Management in the next.

Observations upon December.

Gadbury.

Motion and Time, those Twins, older than Man ;
When the dark Chaos alter'd, they began.
They lurk'd throughout the whole ; but to appear,
God spake them into being, and they were.
These are the two that work, tho' diff'rent ways ;
And as they do begin, conclude our Days,

Partridge.

Now Muse forbear, the Year draws to an end,
And bid Friend John his next Year's Manners mends :
He who by *Hocus Pocus*, *Preists* and *Tricks*,
Foretold a Prince of Wales in *Eighty six* :
A likely story ! for he could not say
When all his Makers were to run away.

Strange Weather ended the last and also begins this, and 'tis such as is not usual. 'Tis ten to one but there may be a fine stroke of business at the Old-Baily this Sessions.

The last Lunation is perhaps as remarkable one as will happen again in many Years ; for here we find it falls upon an ♈ of ♉ and ♍, and ♈, ♉, the ☽ and *Moon* all in ♈ in ♋ and ♍ near the Stars of *Orion* in ♈ to them all, the above Earth in the tenth in Reception with ♈, and they all under the Earth peregrine : in a word, shews Violence and violent Deaths : Let the rebellious Party take it among 'em.

If a Man should but ask you, how gravely you'd tell one
Of Passive Obedience, yet catch'd in Rebellion :
If Rebellion's a Sin, ye are dipp'd and a sinking.
You Squires o'th' Halter, that hang Men for thinking,
If St. Paul had been here, and by you had been try'd,
(No benefite of Clergy) he'd certainly dy'd,
God save King *William* and Queen *Mary*, and
confound their Enemies.

PENNS.

